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GEORGE F. HENSHALLMANAGER
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PACIFIC FLEET HERE.

The Pacific fleet today ended the first leg of its proposed long cruise, having made its journey thus far with the same precision as to schedule, though under greater difficulties in view of the towing of torpedo boats, as marked the long voyage of the Atlantic fleet. At the request of Admiral Swinburne, Honolulu today has no special arrangements for entertainment of the visitors, but will have a programme for them when they return.

The fleet here today is more especially our own, in one sense, than the bigger one which was here a short time ago. As its name implies, the Atlantic fleet regards the other side of the continent as "home," and it is probably soon to return to that side, though many strategists still think it will remain in this ocean. But the Pacific fleet, which has rapidly become a great naval force and beyond question will grow faster from now on than the Atlantic, has these waters for its home. Its vessels will be the ones to enter the waters of Pearl Harbor and as the developments of the local naval station progresses its officers, men and vessels are likely to become frequent visitors here. We hope they will like the new Honolulu, and that after the present brief visit, on returning from Samoa, Honolulu's entertainments will please them as it seems to have pleased the members of the Atlantic fleet.

Perhaps it is fortunate for the Advertiser's peace of mind that there are no press correspondents with the Pacific fleet. There won't be any fleet press committee accounts to worry over.

VERMONT REPUBLICAN GAINS.

This morning's published cable regarding the Vermont elections has an error in comparisons of figures that is quite misleading. In saying that the Republican plurality of 28,000 is the smallest since 1892, it overlooks no less than four of the seven elections held since 1892. It overlooks the last election. In 1906, only two years ago, Vermont's Republican plurality in the gubernatorial election was only 15,420. In the Presidential elections since 1892, there have always been bigger majorities than 28,000, but yesterday's election was not a Presidential election. The plurality is the biggest in a gubernatorial election since 1900, and as the figures just given show, it is a remarkable jump from the Republican plurality of only two years ago. Vermont has apparently spoken very strongly indeed for the Republicans. In the great Roosevelt landslide of the last Presidential campaign she only gave Roosevelt a plurality of 30,682, which, as stated, slumped to a plurality of only 15,420 for the Republican governor two years ago. The jump to 28,000 for a Republican governor yesterday is very significant.

Taking the comparison another way, the figures appear still significantly Republican. In 1904, in the election of September 1 preceding the Presidential election won by Roosevelt, Vermont's plurality for the Republican governor was only 29,604. The 28,000 now, approaching so closely to those of that landslide year, speaks well for the Taft campaign.

BUILDING LAW AMENDMENT.

There is no legislation needed more important than an amended building law for Honolulu. The Superintendent of Public Works has informed the Governor that he holds himself in readiness to produce the draft of such a measure. He should be asked to do so in time for a thorough public discussion of the provisions of the bill prior to its introduction in the Legislature. There are considerations of city improvement in appearance, of the public health and of fire protection entering into the question. Therefore not only officials concerned with these matters but all intelligent citizens taking an interest therein should have full opportunity of discussing the details of the proposed building enactment. Building contractors and those engaged in the building trades generally should be consulted in conferences on the matter, both for the value of the technical knowledge they can bring to bear on a workable measure and so that, after the bill has been launched, there will be no objections to it which have not previously been amply discussed. Many a measure excellent in its main intent is killed by still hunters whose selfish interests are affected by some of its provisions, and who fill legislators behind the scenes with various objections that, if presented in the open at a timely stage, might either be overthrown or the grounds thereto removed without destroying the principle of the bill.

Whether it was from such ulterior attacks that a bill amending the building law in the session of 1905 met its death cannot be stated at this time and here. It is nevertheless a fact that the measure contained provisions dealing with some of the evils that Superintendent Campbell has in view to abolish by the bill he now proposes. Moreover the standing committee having it in charge held well advertised public hearings of the bill, which only a few public-spirited citizens attended to aid the committee in perfecting the draft. There was a conspicuous absence of renting property owners and of architects and builders. Still there was no open attack on the bill and it seemed to have plain sailing. Yet it died on the order of the day somewhere and the identity of its slayers was a mystery.

To prevent any similar fate for the proposed bill of the Superintendent of Public Works, or a good bill of any other authority, the subject should be made a leading one in the election campaign. It ought to find a place in both the Republican and Democratic platforms and if omitted from either or both, there should be enough strength of public opinion favoring such a measure to exact pledges to support it from candidates of all parties. There is no question open regarding the desirability of amended building laws. While cities abroad are eliminating their slums at enormous expense, Honolulu year by year is adding to the class of construction that makes for slums. Notwithstanding past warning visitations of pestilence and fire, this city goes on piling up menaces of similar calamities. The conditions are beyond the powers of either county or municipality to prevent or to mitigate. Only the Legislature can provide a remedy.

THE "STAR" SPECIAL ARTICLE PAGE---

Wit, Wisdom, Humor
 Politics and Nonsense

WHICH ELECTION?

MUST BE DECIDED TOMORROW
 WHETHER COUNTY OR CITY
 AND COUNTY.

When the Supreme Court met this morning it was expected that a decision on the validity of the Municipal Act, which provides for a city and County Government for Honolulu, would be forthcoming, but nothing of the sort came. Unless a decision is handed down tomorrow morning, when the Supreme Court meets at 10 o'clock, there can be no county election, in case the Municipal Act is declared invalid.

This will leave the present Board of Supervisors in office until a meeting of the Legislature may take place and a special election be provided for.

The sixty days before the election will expire tomorrow and if the decision of the Supreme Court is against the Municipal Act it will mean that the Board of Supervisors will have to issue the election proclamation under the old County Act, or will have neglected to obey the Act under which they took their oath of office.

New Industry Projected

FRANK WINTER PROPOSES TO
 ADD CEMENT TO MANUFACTURE
 OF LIME HERE.

Frank Winter, promoter of the Hawaiian Lime Co., Ltd., which has begun a second year's active operations under auspicious prospects, is now endeavoring to interest local capital in a larger proposition. This is for the manufacture of Portland cement in addition to lime. In the prospectus he gives the proposed corporation the name of Hawaiian Islands Portland Cement and Lime Company.

Samples of the cement turned out at the present company's manufactory at Iwilei are on view in Harry Armistead's office window, Merchant street. If it catches the favor of the market as well as the lime has, there should be no fear of investment in the new industry.

THE REGISTRATION

Following are the registration figures for the first two sessions today:

Morning—
 Fourth District..... 98
 Fifth District..... 94-192

Noon—
 Fourth District..... 43
 Fifth District..... 39-82

Total 274

Up to one o'clock today the number registered for the Fourth District was 368 and for the Fifth 275, a total of 643.

The Board sits at the Magoon building, Merchant and Alakea streets from 8 to 10, 12 to 1 and 4 to 7 daily.

JARRETT WEDS

Deputy Sheriff William Jarrett and Mary K. Clark, daughter of Charles Clark, were this morning married in the Catholic Cathedral. Quiet Bill Jarrett is today receiving a downpour of congratulations.

VOLCANO VISITORS.

This week's complement of the steamer Mauna Kea for the volcano consisted of sixteen individual tourists and a party of ten, the latter being vaudeville artists who lately performed at the Orpheum.

Fine Job Printing, Star Office.

Liliuokalani, Queen

By W. F. SABIN.

(Today is Queen Liliuokalani's 70th Birthday.)

Liliuokalani, Lady of the Islands!
 Islands set in summer seas of sapphire and of gold;
 Sapphire in the morning, when the day is dawning;
 Golden in the twilight, when the day is growing old.

Liliuokalani, Queen in fact and fancy!
 Ruler, loved and lauded, in thy people's hearts today!
 Once a crown adorned thee and thy Queenship mourned thee
 When from out thy fairyland the fairies stole away.

Yet, no vanished queenship, royal rule nor empire,
 E'er can strip her people's Queen of greatness, nor of grace.
 Still remains the glory, more than a faded story,
 Of promise that will be fulfilled by all her noble race.



We may find it hard to work up an interest in the campaign, but a good ball game certainly starts us going.

AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

H. Hackfeld & Co., Ltd., has petitioned the Treasurer of the Territory for leave to amend its charter in several particulars, including the privilege of increasing its capital, stock from \$3,000,000, the present amount, to \$5,000,000.

At the office of the corporation it is learned that such an increase of stock is not immediately contemplated. The privilege is sought for exercise at any future time that it may be required.

LILIUOKALANI'S 70TH BIRTHDAY

Queen Liliuokalani today attained the seventieth anniversary of her birth. She enjoys her waning health along with the best wishes of the entire community. The band played at Washington Place this morning in honor of the venerable old birthday. During the forenoon Her Majesty received her more intimate friends and large numbers of the native population. About noon she drove through the streets in the state carriage out to her seaside residence at Waikiki.

ELKS' VOLCANO EXCURSION.

The Elks' Excursion to the Volcano next Saturday will not be limited to members of the order, but will be open to as many others as the Mauna Kea can accommodate. The success of the Fourth of July excursion of the Elks was such a success that other members of the lodge who were not able to take advantage of the low rate offered at that time have been urging a repetition, with the result that it has finally been undertaken, and H. C. Easton, of the Hawaiian Office Specialty Company has charge of the booking. Next Monday being Labor Day, and a public holiday, many persons will be able to see Kilanea in its present great activity who would otherwise be unable to do so on account of press of business.

The Mauna Kea leaves Honolulu at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, reaching Hilo early Sunday morning. A special train will carry the passengers to Glenwood where carriages will be waiting and the Volcano House reached in time for lunch. The return trip will begin after lunch on Monday thus giving a full day at the Volcano, Honolulu will be reached Tuesday morning.

Tickets, which include hotel accommodations and meals, are on sale at \$25. Tickets to Hilo only and return, \$15.

Dr. E. V. Wilcox, special agent in charge of the Hawaii Experiment Station, contends that rice grown in Hawaii of seed brought from Japan is better than the rice grown in Japan.

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